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## **Baesler Celebrates Opening of New Watford City High School**

**BISMARCK, N.D., Feb. 15, 2016** – North Dakota school superintendent Kirsten Baesler celebrated the opening of Watford City’s new high school Monday, calling it a demonstration of the power of community cooperation.

“It is a great celebration of ideas coming together, different organizations coming together, to create something that will be valuable for generations,” Baesler said. “It demonstrates how effective a community really can be. It is so much more than a building. It is keeping a promise for tomorrow.”

The \$50 million school is taking its first students Tuesday, the day after the Presidents’ Day holiday. It will house grades seven through 12 in the McKenzie County School District. The former high school will be used as a middle school, with grades four through six, while the elementary school will house grades kindergarten through three.

Baesler, Gov. Jack Dalrymple and U.S. Sen. John Hoeven spoke at a noontime ceremony Monday to mark the formal opening of the school, which includes a theater, multimedia facilities, computer labs and new classrooms for vocational agriculture and consumer sciences.

“When we think about the learning that will take place as we go through the classrooms, there is just limitless opportunity for our students to become the next engineer, the scientist who discovers the cure for cancer,” Baesler said. “The next North Dakota governor could be educated within these walls, and possibly even the next president of the United States.”

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